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In re Application of:

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IMPROVED METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING
ALUMINUM SHEET

Attorney Docket No. 129249-2

AMENDMENT

February 5, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 1998. Accompanying this Amendment is a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through February 5, 1999.

In the Specification

On page 6, line 9, please change "7" to -- 8 --.

On page 17, line 2, please change "Figs. 8 to 10" to -- Figs. 9 to 11 --.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 10, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of trimming aluminum sheet comprising:

[cutting] ^{on} securing the aluminum sheet ~~in~~ a die adjacent a cutting blade at a cutting angle of at least about 10 degrees measured from a plane perpendicular to a cutting direction of the cutting blade and with a cutting blade clearance ^{while trimming} [which substantially eliminate the formation of aluminum slivers] measured between the blade and the die; and